

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 2, 6 and 9 - 10 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1, 3 - 5 and 7 - 8 have been canceled. Claims 9 and 10 have been added. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

In the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, claims 1 - 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been cancelled. It is submitted that this amendment overcomes the rejection. Claims 1 - 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Schultze, U.S. Pat. No. 3,614,267. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been cancelled and claim 2 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 6. It is submitted that this amendment overcomes the rejection. Claims 1, 5 and 7 - 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being obvious over Pahl et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,927,824, in view of Schultze. Claims 1, 5 and 7 - 8 have been cancelled. It is submitted that this amendment overcomes the rejection.

New claims 9 and 10 have been added. Claim 9 is expressly supported in the application as originally filed in paragraphs [0012] and [0013]. Claim 10 is also expressly supported in the application as originally filed in paragraphs [0013], [0014], [0018], [0019], and [0022]. This Amendment includes amendments to the specification to include the new claim terminology selected by the Applicants. M.P.E.P. § 2163.07(a) states that an application may be amended to recite a function, theory or advantage that was inherent in the disclosed device and that such amendments do not constitute new matter.

It is submitted that the amendments have antecedent basis in the application as filed and that the amendments do not add new matter to the application. It is further submitted that the amendments place the claims of the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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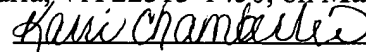
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In the drawings:

Two replacement sheets are submitted with this Amendment. The first replacement sheet makes a correction to the lower right-hand portion of Figure 1. In particular, a middle portion of a fluid line that previously extended between the brakes 28, 30 has been removed to make hydraulic circuits 16, 24 substantially similar to one another as set forth in paragraph [0011]. The particular line, broken in two, now extends to respective release valves (unnumbered) of the second hydraulic circuit 24.

The second replacement sheet is proposed in response to the drawing objection. The change to Figure 2 adds fluid lines as requested by the Examiner in a manner consistent with the specification and with Figure 1.